

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address May 8, 2015
“No Armed Drones Act”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. This week, I'd like to talk to you about my newly introduced bill, the “No Armed Drones Act.” This bill prohibits the use of weaponized drones against any person or property in our national airspace.

Before drones become a widespread staple of local policing outfits, I believe America deserves a national discussion. We must have the chance to answer the serious questions that drones present.

These questions hit at the very core of our nation's most cherished principles of personal privacy and freedom from oppression.

Our founders laid the foundation for a society where the use of military tactics by agents of our justice system has no place.

I also believe that free citizens are innocent unless proven guilty. And that they shouldn't be treated as suspects or terrorists while going about their everyday lives.

Drones *are* a legitimate tactical benefit to those in contested regions – like our soldiers fighting overseas or the agents securing our borders.

But, arming a drone for day-to-day law enforcement purposes is an over-the-top show of force. There is no reason that law-abiding Americans should experience that brand of oppression. And, under the “No Armed Drones Act,” they won't have to.

As always, I welcome your questions and comments on this issue. Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.